

15. What seems to be a central theme running through Poe's writings?

death & gore, evil

Discuss two background experiences of O'Henry.

16. jailed

17. traveled & held many jobs

18. What was the twist or irony in "The Ransom of Red Chief"?

kid didn't want to go home & the kidnappers

19. Why didn't the kidnappers succeed?

the kid enjoyed it too much & no one wanted him. ^{had to pay}

20. What was the final twist in this story?

21. In "Twenty Years" what had happened to each of the two friends?

one was good & one was evil

22. What was the twist or irony at the end of the twenty years?

the good

23. What did Jimmy Wells put ahead of his friendship?

right & wrong

24. Who are Della & Jim in "A Gift of the Magic"? What was the irony?

bought each other their prized possession which

25. State a theme in "A Gift of the Magic".

true love is at the base of all giving

they couldn't use.

26. In "The Cop and the Anthem", Why did Soapy want to be on Blackwell's Island?

free food & board

27. What big decision did he make about his life?

to get a job

28. What was the twist?

was arrested when he didn't want to be.

29. Why did Soapy want prison over a charitable institution?

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the common person can turn out good or bad